

Historic Vegetation--Winter '99 Update

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A database of Missouri's vegetation at the time of the original survey (1815-1850) will provide us with a better understanding of the structure, composition, and ecological processes of our native ecosystems before they were altered by modern human activities. In addition to the vegetative aspects of the GLO survey notes, other types of information being gathered include topography, soil, suitability, Hydrography, roads, trails, cabins, fields, fences, etc. This information will be open for use to a wide application field such as geographical, geological, historical, anthropological, archaeological, and natural resource studies of the state. Currently, much progress is being made in the heavily agricultural Till Plains region where Linn County has been selected to be the prototype for the development of complete countywide data sets. Also, we are nearing a complete coverage of the Current River Watershed in the Ozark Highlands.